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SUMMARY: THE RESULT OF BILATERALS WITH DE ROSE IN ATTEMPT TO NARROW DIFFERENCES IN NATO DECLARATION HAS NOT PROGRESSED FURTHER IN THAT JOBERT HAS BEEN SICK AND DE ROSE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO SEE HIM, AND JOBERT'S STAFF CANNOT DO MORE THAN REITERATE FRENCH POSITION FOR THE PRESENT. THERE ARE NO DIFFERENCES NOW BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE US ON PARAS 1, 2, 8, 9, AND 11; AND NOT VERY SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES ON PARAS 10 AND 12. SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES REMAIN IN PARAS 3, 4, 5, AND 6. AFTER MEETING WITH DE ROSE AND THEN THE THOUGHT GROUP ON FEB. 25, A NEW CLEAN TEXT SHOWING AGREEMENTS AND BRACKETED PASSAGES NOT YET AGREED WAS DISTRIBUTED TO THOUGHT GROUP DELEGATIONS (TEXT SUBMITTED SEPTEL) FOR MEETING LATE AFTERNOON FEB. 27. END SUMMARY.

1. THE AMBASSADOR DE ROSE AND I MET TO REPORT TO EACH OTHER RESULTS OF SUBMITTING IDENTICAL TEXTS (REF B) TO OUR CAPITALS IN ATTEMPT TO NARROW DIFFERENCES ON CONTENT OF NATO DECLARATION. DE ROSE WAS NOT ABLE TO SEE JOBERT, WHO HAS BEEN ILL, AND HE RETURNED FROM CONSULTATIONS WITH FONMIN OFFICIALS IN PARIS WITH A TEXT THAT LEAVES THE MAJOR PROBLEMS UNRESOLVED.

2. FOR EXAMPLE, IN PARA 3 THE FRENCH MAY NOW PROPOSE RETURNING TO SECRET

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MENTION OF QTE VULNERABILITY END QTE: QTE WHILE EUROPE REMAINED VULNERABLE TO ALL FORMS OF CONFLICT END QTE (FOR FULL TEXT, SEE SEPTEL.) THIS DESIRABLE, ACCORDING TO PARIS, BECAUSE THERE MUST BE SOME EXPLANATION OF WHY THE PROBLEMS OF THE DEFENSE

OF EUROPE ARE DIFFERENT AND MORE SPECIFIC. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BY RUMSFELD, DE ROSE SAID THAT THE VULNERABILITY THEY HAVE IN MIND IS THE INCREASED DANGER THAT EUROPE'S DEFENSE WILL BE DE-COUPLED FROM THE US NUCLEAR FORCES, AND THIS VULNERABILITY SHOULD BE ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE DECLARATION.

3. DE ROSE'S OTHER CHIEF SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT WAS THAT PARA 5 SHOULD BE DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO EUROPE AND NOT TO ALL OF THE ALLIANCE. IF WE INSIST THAT THE SENTENCE ABOUT THE DOMINATION OF THE WORLD REFER TO ALL MEMBER-NATIONS, THEN THEY FEEL IT SHOULD BE PLACED IN A DIFFERENT PARA.

4. ON THE QUESTION OF QTE NO PRESENT ALTERNATIVE END QTE VERSUS QTE NO ALTERNATIVE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE END QTE DE ROSE SAID THAT HE THINKS QTE FORESEEABLE END QTE IS BETTER BUT THAT HE HAS QTE NO MARGIN OF NEGOTIATION ON THAT DAMN WORD. END QTE HE SAID THAT THE CONCERN IS THAT CIRCUMSTANCES MIGHT CHANGE, FOR INSTANCE SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION OF US TROOP PRESENCE, AND THEN THE ALLIANCE WOULD BE IN THE POSITION OF HAVING SAID THAT THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO THE SECURITY THEY PROVIDED. ALSO, HE SAID THE WORD QTE PRESENT END QTE PUTS PRESSURE ON THE EUROPEANS TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR DEFENSE.

5. DE ROSE REPORTED THAT, SINCE HE DID NOT SEE JOBERT, HE HAD NO NEW INSTRUCTIONS ON THE AGREEMENT OF JUNE 22ND.

6. THE HALF-SENTENCE ADDITION TO PARA 10 (REF B) WAS CONSIDERED NOT AN IMPROVEMENT. DE ROSE SAID THEY FELT IT HAD THE SOUND OF A PRIEST LECTURING ON MORALITY.

7. DE ROSE SAID THE NEW PARA 12 WAS CONSIDERED A QTE FINE IDEA END QTE BUT FOR LEGAL REASONS THEY WANT TO QTE RE-WORD END QTE IT BY DELETING QTE LASTING END QTE AND QTE FOR THEIR OWN AND FUTURE GENERATIONS END QTE (SEE PARA 12 IN SEPTEL). ALSO, ALTHOUGH THEY DID NOT OBJECT TO THE WORD QTE STRUCTURE END QTE IN THE ENGLISH VERSION, THEY CLAIM THAT IT CANNOT BE SAID WELL IN FRENCH EXCEPT BY OMITTING THE WORD.

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8. AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD SAID THAT HE HAD HOPED FOR MORE PROGRESS, AGREED WITH DE ROSE THAT HE PROBABLY COULD HAVE ACCOMPLISHED MORE IF HE HAD SEEN JOBERT, AND ASKED DE ROSE FOR SUGGESTIONS ABOUT NEXT STEPS TO TAKE TO REDUCE THE REMAINING SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES. DE ROSE SAID HE THOUGHT GOOD PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE AND THAT THE NEW AGREED PASSAGES SHOULD BE REPORTED LZ THE THOUGHT GROUP. HIS PERSONAL SUMMARY OF HOW THINGS STAND WAS AS FOLLOWS: THE QTE VULNERABILITY END QTE PASSAGE WOULD IMPROVE THE DECLARATION; QTE FORESEEABLE FUTURE END QTE IS BETTER THAN QTE PRESENT END QTE ALTERNATIVE, BUT PARIS DISAGREES; THE US SEQUENCE OF REASONING FOR PARAS 3 AND 4 IS AN IMPROVEMENT; HE WOULD DROP REFERENCE TO THE JUNE 22 ND AGREEMENT, BUT THAT CANNOT BE DONE UNTIL THERE IS

AGREEMENT IN PARIS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL; AND THE
REFERENCE TO ALL ALLIES SPOILS PARA 5, WHICH SHOULD BE DEVOTED
EXCLUSIVELY TO EUROPE.

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9. THE THOUGHT GROUP MET IN THE LATE AFTERNOON ON FEB. 25 WITH
THE US, FRANCE, BELGIUM, FRG, THE NETHERLANDS, AND CANADA PARTICI-
PATING. RUMSFELD, FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IN REF A, EMPHASIZED THE
IMPORTANCE OF THE EVOLVING NAC DISCUSSION AND THE SUBSEQUENT
OVER-ALL US REVIEW. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAS ALL THE GUIDANCE
NECESSARY TO PROCEED ON EVERY POINT IN THE DECLARATION, THAT HE
AND DEROSE WORKED UP HAD A PACKAGE FOR CONSIDERATION IN
PARIS AND WASHINGTON, THAT UNFORTUNATELY DE ROSE HAD NOT BEEN
ABLE TO SEE JOBERT, AND THAT NOT ALL THE DIFFERENCES HAD BEEN
RESOLVED. IN THE PREPARATION OF A TEXT FOR THE THOUGHT GROUP TO
CONSIDER, HE SAID HE WAS RELUCTANT TO LET PART OF THE NEW
TEXT STAND WHEN OTHER PARTS OF IT HAD NOT BEEN ACCEPTED
IN THAT US MOVEMENT HAD BEEN ON BASIS OF THE INTEGRATED WHOLE
INCLUDING MOVEMENT BY FRANCE. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION OF PARAS
THAT HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN SEEN BY THE THOUGHT GROUP, AND
AFTER DE ROSE REPEATED HIS LIST OF THE MAIN DIFFERENCES
STILL TO BE RESOLVED, THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE
THOUGHT GROUP WAS STANDING AT THAT MOMENT QTE IN THE WAY OF
PROGRESS, END QTE AND THAT THE US AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS
SHOULD PREPARE A DRAFT SHOWING THE AGREED NEW TEXT AND BRACKETED
PASSAGES NOT YET AGREED.

11. THE TEXT OF THE NEW DRAFT WITH BRACKETS IS BEING SUBMITTED
SEPTTEL AND HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TODAY TO MEMBERS OF THE THOUGHT
GROUP FOR DISCUSSION IN THE MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27,
LATE AFTERNOON, WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSION IN THE NAC
ON FRIDAY, MARCH 1. DE ROSE IS STILL HOPEFUL HE WILL RECEIVE
FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE THEN.

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